



FrOTH News

A link in the Green Chain

One Tree Hill is on a Green Chain walk



In September One Tree Hill hosted a large group of walkers as part of one of the Green Chain Festival walks. This was led by **Peter Frost**, Chair of the Peckham Society and also a member of our committee. This is an edited report by Peter:

The Friends were successfully accepted into this festival after making an application. It was one of 14 walks that featured in the festival programme. We started in Horniman Museum Gardens and the chosen route is similar to the proposed Green Chain Walk spur which will run from Crystal Palace down to Nunhead Cemetery and follows the route of the disused Crystal Palace High Level Railway line, originally the London Brighton

and South Coast railway. It also runs parallel to the Great North Wood, a forest up until the 19th century. The route continues into Westwood Park, Langton Rise and through a gate into Camberwell Old Cemetery. From there we passed through Brenchley Gardens and on to One Tree Hill. Sandy Pepperell, the Chair of the Friends said a few words of introduction. From there we walked along Brenchley gardens to Nunhead Cemetery and eventually ended the walk in Peckham Rye Park. The walkers went away with their green baseball hats, a sticker and feedback forms and were apparently very keen to participate in future walks.

BLUEBELLS OVER ONE TREE HILL

November 7th and 8th

11 am – 3pm

Come and help create a flowering glade. We have bluebells, wild daffodils, snowdrops, wood anemones and lesser celandine. Tools provided.

Meet at the gates of St. Augustine's church or join us when you can, even if for a short time - any time you can spare will be welcome.

Other dates for your diary (watch the website www.onetreehill.org.uk for details):

December 5th We will be celebrating National Tree Week with a Tree Trail and other activities

In **January** we plan an Art and nature workshop

February will see our Annual Bird Box day

March is when we have our annual meeting

At the End **April**/Beginning May there will be our popular Dawn Chorus walk





LOOKING BACK...

Earlier this year I received an email as follows:

Dear Friend of One Tree Hill,

I have just been looking at the information regarding One Tree Hill on the Internet. I was born at 121 Athenlay road in 1928 and spent many happy hours playing with my brothers and friends on the hill. The last time I visited the hill was in the early 1950s and it was in a sadly neglected state. To see it now, cared for and honoured again, is wonderful.

I have a copy of a beautifully detailed drawing of the old seat at the top of the hill, plus a view over the city including St Paul's Cathedral. It was probably done in the 1920s and I would like to donate it to the Friends of One Tree Hill. Please could you put me in touch with the organisation?

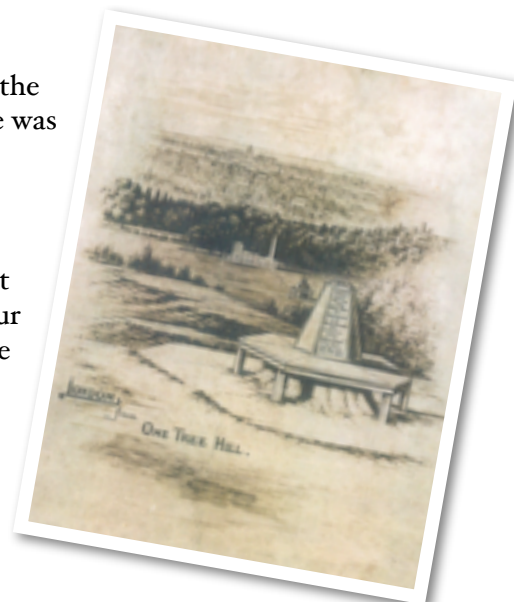
Jean Adamson

The picture is interesting as an 'old' view of the hill which is rather different from the woods and Local Nature Reserve that we have today.

I responded and Jean sent me the picture (below) and a letter describing her meetings with the artist when she was a child.

We are hoping that Jean will allow us to post her letter on our website and the picture will be on display at our annual meeting in March.

*Sandy Pepperell,
Chair*



FUNDING FOR ONE TREE HILL

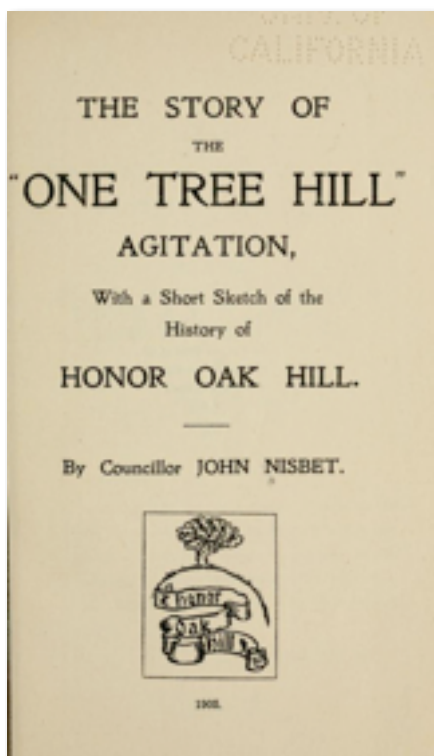
In the recent round of bidding for funding for Southwark community projects FrOTH was successful in gaining £600 for events.

NOTICE BOARDS

Work is progressing on designing the information boards for the Hill and we continue to liaise with Southwark on the Dog Control Order issue. They now seem to be discussing licensing commercial dog walkers which appears to be a more feasible solution. Watch this space!

PLANNING MAJOR WORKS

We are also now drawing up a further wish list of more major work to enhance access to OTH



such as improvements to the steps and hand rails and exploring the idea of a path which would allow easier access to the viewing point.

HISTORY OF ONE TREE HILL

A report on the events surrounding the 'agitation' on One Tree Hill is available in an on-line book at

<http://www.archive.org/stream/storyofonetreehillonisbrich#page/>

The link is also on the Friends of One Tree Hill website, with a somewhat easier url, at:

www.onetreehill.org.uk

PLEASE CONTACT US

We would like to send you an occasional email about events being held on One Tree Hill. Your email will be held only by us and not made available to anyone else

Please email sandy@onetreehill.org.uk to make sure we have your current email address. Thanks.